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memorandum

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REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: ORP:SJO 05-ORP-047


SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF RAYMOND J. HARDWICK, JR., DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FACILITY SAFETY (EH-2), AS DEPARTMENTAL CHAMPION FOR THE SENIOR TECHNICAL SAFETY MANAGERS (STSM) PROGRAM

TO: John S. Shaw, Assistant Secretary
for Environment, Safety and Health, EH-1, HQ

In response to Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2004-1, *Oversight of Complex, High-Hazard Nuclear Operations*, the Department, through the Federal Technical Capability Panel, undertook an initiative to improve the rigor of qualification activities currently used to assure that technical personnel are competent to perform the highly complex responsibilities expected of them. The first category of personnel chosen, and perhaps the most important category to be undertaken, is the Department's Senior Technical Safety Managers (STSM).

Raymond Hardwick has been a key participant in establishing the need for a more formal and consistent qualification program for STSMs, similar to that of the Facility Representative program. Therefore, I am, with your concurrence, designating Mr. Hardwick, Deputy Assistant Manager for Facility Safety (EH-2), as the Departmental Champion for the STSM Program. Mr. Hardwick will be responsible for providing leadership and resources, as needed, to assure that qualification standards are evaluated and/or revised as appropriate; that training, based on the qualification standards, is developed and provided by the National Training Center to Departmental managers; and a testing program is established to validate STSM qualification.

If you have any questions regarding this delegation, please contact me, (509) 376-6677.


Roy J. Schepens, Chairman
Federal Technical Capability Panel

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